

Army resource manager named Western finance chief

Western's Administrator **Mike Hacskaylo** announced Sept. 6 the selection of **Harrison Pease** as the agency's new chief financial officer.

Pease currently serves as resource management director for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Southwestern Division in Dallas, Texas. A certified government financial manager, Pease previously was the resource management deputy director for Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He began his

Federal career as a contract auditor and served in various financial leadership positions within the U.S. Army Europe's Resource Management organization and as the budget officer for the Defense Reconstruction Assistance Office in Kuwait following Desert Storm.

Pease holds a bachelor's degree in accounting, an MBA and a master's in strategic studies. He joins Western Oct. 8.

Western's Chief Financial Officer provides leadership to a staff of accounting, budget and systems management staff responsible for providing financial guidance and direction for Western's \$850 million program.



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Profile: What does the CFO do?

The CFO mission is to meet or exceed our customers' needs for timely, high-quality financial products and services through continued innovation and technology.

The CFO is the principal advisor to the Administrator on the direction, planning, execution, review and analysis of Western's financial activities. The CFO has a staff of about 45 and serves as a control point for financial policy, program decisions and other financial activi-

ties directed by the Administrator.

The CFO develops, recommends, implements and monitors Western's financial policies and guidelines in accordance with Federal statutes, regulations and orders.

Other responsibilities include formulating, presenting, executing and maintaining Western's annual budget and maintaining manpower controls to ensure compliance with the approved budget.

The organization has a vision to create \$10 million of value for Western's customers over the next 10 years. This includes working with customers to upgrade projects and help with multipurpose projects. Above all, the CFO is accountable for managing budgets that directly reflect Western's value to its customers, continually providing reliable power at a reasonable cost.